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**COVERED UP**--This home in the Clear Creek section of Knott County was moved from its foundation when debris from the strip mine site visible at the top of the hill behind the house slipped down against it. The family didn't even have time to get its furniture out. Good-sized trees were pushed on top of the house. (Photo by Gurney Norman courtesy of the Hazard Herald).

## Organization to fight stripping

A large group of citizens in every way typical of the population of Eastern Kentucky organized this week in an effort to save mountain homes and farms from being crushed beneath the area's enormous and politically powerful strip mine industry.

The group is composed of some 125 persons, mostly landowners, representing many different facets of life in the mountains--miners, school teachers, merchants, farmers.

They chose as their name The Appalachian Group to Save the Land and the People.

They elected Knott County schoolteacher Leroy Martin as their chairman and chose co-chairmen from Letcher and Perry counties.

They picked Perry Commonwealth's Atty. Tolbert Combs as co-chairman from that county and Jenkins High School Principal Eldon Davidson as co-chairman from Letcher County.

The organization was sparked by recent strip mining developments and court actions against landowners by strip miners in the Clear Creek section of Knott County. However, most of the member-

ship of the group comes from other sections of the county and from other counties, indicating the extent of the great discontent existing over strip mining.

Landowners and public spirited citizens from throughout the area

## Plan test center

Officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity and several other state and federal agencies will be in Whitesburg next week to discuss setting up a pilot project for health care of rural area residents in Letcher County.

The project would be located at Blackey and would provide a public health nurse and various advisory services for residents of the area. The initial budget for the project would be \$30,000.

The project will be outlined at a meeting of the Letcher County Economic Opportunity Committee at the courthouse Monday night and at a meeting of Blackey area residents at Blackey Tuesday night.

The project apparently is not part of a \$100,000,000 plan for regional health facilities and services in

the Appalachian area announced in Washington this week.

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have been invited join in what is regarded as a crusade to save Eastern Kentucky from total destruction.

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The large-scale project is beginning in Kentucky with the Appalachian Regional Hospitals, which this week received a \$1.2 million grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to keep them operating. The hospitals have been operating in the black recently but needed additional funds to pay off two large loans which are coming due.

OEO made the grant to the hospitals through the Appalachian Regional Commission, which has funds for building new health centers but none for operating those already in existence. Sargent Shriver, director of OEO, said the hospitals and other multi-county health centers to be built with

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## Court decision may build new schools

The Kentucky Court of Appeals opened the way this week for a possible start within the next two years on all the school buildings needed in Letcher County.

The court, ruling in a case from Jefferson County, said all property listed for taxation in Kentucky must be assessed at 100 per cent of its actual cash value.

In Letcher County, property is now assessed at 27.9 per cent of

its actual value. The school system's bonding potential is based on local assessments and is presently \$1,500,000. The new ruling will permit at least a tripling and almost a quadrupling of the bonding potential.

Thus the county schools, which now are bonded to the limit of their capacity to finance schools now under construction, will have available a bonding capacity of at least three

million additional dollars and perhaps as much as four million.

The great needs in the way of buildings in the county system are these:

1. A new grade school in West Whitesburg.
2. A new grade school to serve the Hot Spot area, where a school burned a few years ago.
3. New construction to complete the high school plant in Whitesburg

4. New construction at Kingdom Come High School on Linefork.
5. New gymnasiums at Letcher and Fleming-Neon high schools.

Estimates are that the Whitesburg Grade School, which would be a 30-classroom unit with additional service rooms, would cost about three fourths of a million dollars.

The high school plant at Whitesburg would cost about the same amount. This would include demon-

stration of the present old high school building and construction of new quarters on the site, as well as addition of a lunchroom, library, and other facilities. The English and Science buildings and the gymnasium would be retained, and the present grade school building would be used as high school classrooms until the new structure could be completed.

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## Giant generator will be built below Hazard

A formal announcement is expected within the next several days of a giant new power plant to be built on the Kentucky River below Hazard by combined public and private power interests.

The plant is expected to be one of the largest in the world, and will devastate large areas of Eastern Kentucky in its quest for the cheapest possible sources of strip mined coal.

The plant will be built by a combine of the American Electric Power Company, owner of the Kentucky Power Company, and major segments of the nation's rural electric co-operatives, led by the East Kentucky Rural Electric Co-Operative Corp. at Winchester.

One informed source said the plant ultimately will have a generating capacity of two million kilowatts and will be the largest steam-coal power plant in the world. Cost estimates exceed \$200,000,000.

Other sources, however, said the initial construction probably would include a plant of one million kilowatt capacity, still one of the largest in the world.

Hugh L. Spurlock, Winchester, manager of the East Kentucky Rural Electric Co-Op, has been negotiating with major coal figures in Eastern Kentucky in recent weeks seeking long-term contracts for cheap coal.

Spurlock reportedly is "demanding coal at a price that eliminates the possibility of deep-mine coal," one informed source said.

"He wants and he will get strip mine coal at a low price--at such a low price that there will be no possibility of strip mine reclamation," the source added.

This major development in the coal fields, coupled with a step-up in deliveries of coal to the Tennessee Valley Authority for its giant new Bull Run steam plant, again one of the largest in the world, will more than triple the volume of strip coal mining in Perry, Knott, Letcher and surrounding coal field counties.

Major rural electric co-operatives and major municipal power firms throughout the Eastern half of the United States combined to form the Yankee-Dixie Power Association two months ago, with the announced intention of building giant power plants in Eastern Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Alabama to furnish low-cost to eastern United States population centers.

The Yankee-Dixie Power Association named Spurlock as chairman of its steering committee and said it would spend \$1.037 billion for the three power plants and transmission lines to serve an area including more than 400 municipally owned electric utilities and more than 200 rural electric co-operatives.

Yankee-Dixie said its members included rural co-ops and muni-

cipal power outlets in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Florida.

In its initial announcement, Yankee-Dixie said it hoped that private power companies would "join in."

The giant American Electric Power Co., one of the world's largest with extensive operations in Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, apparently has done so.

The AEP has as its president Donald Cook, New York, a former chairman of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission. Cook is regarded as a long-time personal friend of President Lyndon B. Johnson, and reportedly only a few weeks ago turned down Johnson's bid to make him secretary of the treasury.

Cook is regarded as one of a "new breed" of management men who look with favor on a fusion of public and private investments and management. He recently was awarded the Herbert H. Lehman medal by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The award is made annually in memory of the late U. S. Senator and New York governor and is presented to "distinguished Americans" who best exemplify "the quest for ethical and moral truth" as espoused by Lehman.

The original Yankee-Dixie announcement concerning power plants said consideration was being given to use of a portion of the power sales revenue to establish a fund for Appalachian area economic development. It did not go into further detail as to how the fund would be set up or how it would be administered.

Informed sources say that the co-ops and the private power company with which they have been dealing now have abandoned any real consideration of such an effort to plow part of the profits into an effort to assist the poverty stricken of Appalachia.

"All they are interested in is exploiting the resources of the mountains under the guise of doing something to help you," the sources said.

"They are planning to go into competition with the Tennessee Valley Authority and hope to become the major source of cheap power east of the Mississippi River."

"You may as well face it. Eastern Kentuckians who want to halt or control strip mining now face a combination of vast and influential private power companies with the rural electric co-operatives and the Tennessee Valley Authority, the municipal plants and the coal companies. These people will all have a vested interest in gutting Eastern Kentucky for cheap coal and there is nothing you can do to stop it," the sources said.

# The terror of the hills

Giant influences so powerful financially and politically that seemingly they can control the fate of Kentucky mountain families are joining together to ravage and plunder the Appalachian area and take from the people the very land on which they walk. The Tennessee Valley Authority, the rural electric co-operatives, the coal operators, private power companies, city-owned power company--each in its own way is a center of political power and influence that has shaped the face of America as it exists today.

Now, they have combined to take from the people of Eastern Kentucky their land, their coal, their rivers and even the very air they breathe.

And in one of the most blasphemous acts ever played before the American public, they rape and pillage in the name of helping the poor, the poverty stricken of Eastern Kentucky.

Seemingly there are no limits to what some of these people and the organizations they represent will do in their mad quest.

One middle-aged woman, who knows that the next few swipes of the bulldozers and highlifts will bury her mountain home, told a few days ago a tale of horror that should lie on the conscience of every public official, of every citizen of the nation who has a concern for moral and ethical values in this era of the Great Society.

"I pray to God every day that my man will let them take our land and our home and not try to stop them. I'm even afraid for him even to go to court."

"They (the strip mine firms) have hired the worst gun thugs in Eastern Kentucky to make us give them our land. They will kill us if we don't."

"What can we do? They've got the courts and the state police and the killers on their side."

The woman has been reduced to a level of despair beyond reckoning.

Her statements were supported by two neighboring women:

"The men in this country all are scared to death. They know that if they do anything our homes will be dynamited or they will be stopped on the road some night and shot to death."

The coal that is obtained by these tactics is used to fuel the vast furnaces of the TVA. By purchasing coal from coal operators at such low prices it cannot be delivered except by use of these or similar tactics, the TVA brings terror to the mountain women of Eastern Kentucky who fear for the very lives of their husbands and sons.

Now, there is firm indication that the volume of strip mining that has been going on is but a mere trickle compared to that which will be under way in a matter of a few weeks or months. Within a few weeks, the hills of Perry and Knott counties will be gutted for an additional 50,000 tons of coal each week to feed the giant new TVA Bull Run steam plant. And just around the corner is another giant facility, probably the largest in the world, to be built on the Kentucky River below Hazard by a combine representing rural electric co-ops, municipal power systems and a private power company.

This situation must be changed, now.

We say to Sen. John Sherman Cooper, to Sen. Thruston Morton, and to Congressman Carl D. Perkins that the single most important problem facing Kentucky is not Vietnam or the national budget or any of the other things which usually occupy the attention of Congress.

The greatest crisis confronting Kentucky is here in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. (And we hasten to add there is no less a national problem in the hills of Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.)

We urgently call upon our senators and congressmen to launch a full-scale investigation into the strip mine industry in Eastern Kentucky. It is time for a thorough national airing of the great damage being done, of the thug-like tactics being used in obtaining coal lands, of the role of the Tennessee Valley Authority as it plunders a great area of the nation, of the prospective combination of the REAs with private concerns for still additional plunder.

And we say to Gov. Edward T. Breathitt that the time has come to fire State Commissioner of Natural Resources J. O. Matlick and to replace him with someone who knows the meaning of the word conservation. Matlick is not enforcing the strip mining laws in Eastern Kentucky. Give us a commissioner who will.

We also say to Governor Breathitt that the time has come for a most careful and thorough investigation into the role played by state police in such matters in Eastern Kentucky. State police are rapidly becoming the center of deep hatred and contempt among Eastern Kentuckians because of the role they play as armed guards for the strip mine operators.

And we say to County Judge James M. Caudill and to every other public official in Letcher, Knott and Perry counties: the time has come for you to speak out and take a role of leadership in the fight to halt strip mining. Either you are on the side of the people of Eastern Kentucky, or you are against them.

And we say to President Johnson: Until and unless strip mining is brought under respectable control in the Appalachian area, the mountains are doomed to total devastation within a decade. It matters not what you do or attempt to do for the people here under the poverty of Appalachian development programs. Both are doomed to failure through the very nature of the strip mine crisis.

To Aubrey Wagner, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors, we say: You and your agency are a disgrace to the nation. How dare you finance the plunder of Eastern Kentucky by your insane quest for cheap coal? You bring disgrace to the name of the late Senator Norris, the founder of TVA, and you defame the very people you should be helping--the poverty-stricken of the Appalachians.

## We've lost our sparkle

A representative of the Office of Economic Opportunity who was in our office the other day remarked that "the glamour is all gone from Appalachian poverty, and you people are going to have to fight for everything you get." The meaning was that passage of the Appalachian Development Act and the start of the War on Poverty have pretty well erased Appalachia from the active conscience of the American people--they think needs here are being met and it will take some time for them to know that they are not. Alaskans, Indians and the Samoan Islands are coming on big now, it seems. C'est la guerre contre la pauvreté!

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## Current comment:

### A VOICE FOR THE POOR

Whether, under the present dispensation, American poverty in the midst of American affluence can be significantly reduced remains to be seen. The nation may turn instead to still larger expenditures for war--the primrose path of statesmanship. One thing, however, is plain: the poor cannot be lifted up single-handedly by the well-to-do; they must play a part in their own rehabilitation. The poor know poverty from the inside; it is, so to speak, their specialty. Hence the importance of recent developments on the Philadelphia front of the war on poverty. That it happened in Philadelphia is chance; the problem is nationwide and other cities will have to learn from the Philadelphia experience, and from one another.

Philadelphia has twelve so-called poverty districts, with a population of 500,000 of voting age. Using city voting machines, an election was held to choose 144 persons from 354 candidates who had been certified as being poor--twelve from each district. This group in turn is to select one person to represent each district on the city-wide anti-poverty governing board. Only the candidates were certified as poor; residents of the district generally were permitted to vote. The city-wide committee will also include nineteen persons designated by the mayor.

The relatively low turn-out--less than 13,000 or about 2.5 per cent of those eligible to vote--is being cited as an argument against the election process by those who seek to discredit a key provision of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, namely, that there shall be the "maximum feasible participation" by those whom the program is intended to help. But various explanations have been advanced to explain the disappointing response. The poor know they are poor but they don't like to parade the fact. Also, illiterates were, theoretically at least, not qualified to vote.

In fact, literacy tests were not given, but no doubt some voters stayed away because it had been announced that literacy was a requirement. This was merely a convenience. In some districts there were as many as forty-seven candidates and it seemed unnecessarily time consuming to read this list to voters who were illiterate. Arthur Mohr, regional manager of the American Arbitration Association, which supervised the election, said in a telephone interview with Eve Edstrom of The Washington Post: "These people are proud and don't want to be embarrassed. I even saw an elderly man carry a large book into a polling place to give the impression that he could read. But he couldn't." All things considered, it was impressive that, in such a novel experiment, as many as 13,000 participated.

Better expedients will no doubt be devised to meet the requirement of "maximum feasible participation." The real question is not whether the poor should vote but whether they should have a voice in a program designed for their benefit. No one suggests that the poor should administer the program or control the funds. What is needed--and what is sought--is some means by which the poor can express a prescriptive on the program and an evaluation of what is being done under it. This they can do better than others, nor need they be literate to do it. Unlike politicians, the poor are not concerned with their "image" or, like social workers, with their careers. But they do know how to appraise services designed for their benefit. There is nothing novel about the notion that the beneficiaries of a federal program should be consulted about it. If the poor were called "farmers" or "miners" or "shoppers," no questions would be raised. It is time we discarded the concept we have of the poor as outcasts, dropouts and misfits, and began to think of them as a new leisure class spawned by an affluent society.

---THE NATION, June 14, 1965

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks contractor

To the editor:

Prior to making a portion of the West Whitesburg Urban Renewal land available to the Letcher County school board for a new elementary school plant, it was necessary to fill low-lying sections in order to prevent future flooding.

The Bizzack Construction Company, Frankfort, Ky., has a contract to construct work in the Mountain Parkway system just west of Whitesburg. The company is obligated to select the areas for depositing excess cut material. It is natural that the contractor would dump his waste dirt in areas with shortest haul and less expense.

Mr. Bizzack and Mr. Wallace, superintendents for the Bizzack Construction Company, have had numerous requests for fill material from private land owners. However, upon learning that the Whitesburg Urban Renewal Commission needed a large amount of dirt in order to prepare the land for a new school site it was decided that the school plans should come first, and that the best way to assist all the people in the community would be to help in a public-owned project, showing no favor to any individual.

Heavy equipment began to move fill material to the future school site on June 7 and the operation is continuing, at no cost to the Urban Renewal Commission or the citizens of Letcher County. It appears that the Bizzack Construction Company is making a big effort to assist our community, even at expense to itself, for dirt could have been deposited in other places at less hauling costs.

Thank you, Mr. Johnny Bizzack and Mr. Virgil Wallace, for exemplary interest in the welfare of all the citizens in the community in which you work.

Whitesburg Municipal Housing Commission

### Death of a mountain

To the editor:

Today, in Eastern Kentucky--Perry County--I watched another mountain die. It was a beautiful mountain and it fed the property on which I hoped that some day I would build my home. Now it is gone, gone under the blades of strip mine bulldozers.

Today was Memorial Day and while people knelt to place wreaths by the graves of loved ones they kept a wary eye on the dying mountain lest the ever increasing overburden and the growing bulldozers send more rocks plunging down the mountain and into the cemetery nestled at the foot of the slope.

Never since the rape and slaughter of the American Indian has there been a group of people as downtrodden and neglected, so let down by every court in the land as these people whose land is now under the ruthless blade of strip mine bulldozers. Bulldozers which at this very minute are destroying entire mountain slopes for a ton of outcrop coal.

It is regrettable indeed to see our University, Berea College and even the natural resources commissioner join in these smoke-screen experiments with elderberry bushes, fruit trees and the like, thereby lending to these ruthless operators and their land agent an air of respectability. At a time when neither of these schools has shown us how to be successful even on bottom land they are now spending money, our money, seeking ways to help the coal operators.

Each year the Courier-Journal asks the schools of Kentucky to have students write essays on soil, water, forest and wildlife conservation. How can any child write with enthusiasm about this topic when he knows how little his state really cares about conservation? How can he be enthusiastic about forest conservation and the prevention of forest fires when he sees our state government permit

their destruction every day by strip mine operators? How can he believe he should, and why should he, buy a license to hunt or fish when he sees a lackadaisical Division of Fish and Game permit their wholesale destruction every day by these same operators? Yes even a child knows when the animals of the forest are being buried and the fish in the streams are being poisoned by acid mine water.

We notice that J. O. Matlick is sponsoring a three-day symposium on strip mining and strip-mine reclamation beginning June 23. It is the hope of the Appalachian Group to Save the Land and People that Mr. Matlick will at least give us time to speak equal to that given to the governor. Yes, we request a voice at this symposium because we are the ones who are being driven from our homes in the middle of the night by strip mine floods, we are the ones whose lifetime investments are being buried in a single day and we are the ones who are paying the taxes on the property now being destroyed. In return, Mr. Matlick, we offer our services as guides through this "Ravaged Land."

ELDON DAVIDSON  
Jenkins, Ky.

### Shriver disputes Stone

To the editor:

The editorial from Irving Stone's weekly which was republished in your April 29, 1965, edition has just come to my attention. I want you to know that he presents a one-sided and therefore misleading picture.

In that editorial, Mr. Stone claims that the poverty program is being run by big businessmen and high-powered analysts from the Defense Department to the exclusion of poor people. He is wrong. The poverty program is being run by businessmen, some analysts with Defense backgrounds, and poor people.

Mr. Stone mentioned several businessmen now working on the poverty program as proof they had a monopoly. But he neglected to mention, for instance, that both men who developed the basic education program for the Job Corps were high school dropouts. In fact, Wade Robinson, Associate Director of the Job Corps, never did get a high school diploma, although many years later he received a Ph. D. from Harvard. Mr. Stone failed to mention Sam Yette, my Special Assistant for Equal Opportunity, who not long ago was a poor rural Negro. Recently Sam became an Honorary Citizen of Nashville, Tennessee.

And Mr. Stone failed to mention that poor people participate in helping to plan and supervise every community action program. This is required by a provision in the law which was specifically requested by the President last year.

I thought you would want to know these facts so that your readers would have the full story.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
SARGENT SHRIVER  
Director, Office of Economic Opportunity

PS. He also failed to mention that top officials of OEO include labor leaders, political leaders, educators, businessmen, social workers, etc.

RSS.

### Cooper on 119

To the editor:

I know the deep concern of the people of Letcher, Harlan and Bell Counties, and adjacent counties, that U. S. 119 be included under the Appalachian Regional Development highway program. Last week, I again talked to Mr. John L. Sweeney, the Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, about the importance of this highway to you and the region, and I urged that it be approved by the Commission. After our talk, I wrote

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"Just sitting here watching for the hill to come off on us" is the way Mrs. Susan Ritchie, 72, describes what she is doing. Mrs. Ritchie and her family are among many in the Clear Creek section of Knott County whose homes have been destroyed or who fear their homes will be lost as a result of strip mining activity now going on in the hills above them. Mrs. Ritchie said she and her family were forced to leave the home (below) in the middle of the night last week when they heard a slide begin on the top of the mountain where stripping had been done. Mud blocked the steps and filled the open area. Mine firm trucks later removed it but recent rains have made what's left almost impassable.

(Photos by Gurney Norman, courtesy Hazard Herald)



## Services held at Roxana for Mrs. Caudill

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Callahan Caudill, wife of Willie Caudill, were conducted June 5 at Tolson Creek Regular Baptist Church at Roxana by Elders Herman Munnison, I. D. Back and Herman Caudill.

Burial was in the Whitaker cemetery at Roxana.

Mrs. Caudill died June 3 at the Harlan hospital after a three-week illness. She was 79.

She was a daughter of Hiram and Sally Caudill Callahan. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Early in life she was married to Thomas Stamper, who died, and later to Arlie Cornett, who also died. Twenty-five years ago she married Willie Caudill, who survives her.

She is survived also by the following children: Willie Stamper, Chicago, Ill.; Nova Whitaker, Roxana; Nora Day, Kingscreek; Mary Gratte, Chicago; Hiram Stamper, Chicago; Oakley Stamper, McHenry, Ill.; Polly Ann Hammerling, Niles, Ill.; Rose O'Nan, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Ira Cornett, Lawrenceburg; Edward Cornett, Bristol, Wis.; Alta Metcalf, Thomasville, Ga.; seven stepchildren, Mrs. Ollie Fields and Mrs. Eva Ison, both of Roxana; George Caudill, Whitesburg; Charlie Caudill, Vicco; Kerney Caudill, Ohio; Boyd Caudill, Indiana; and Marian Caudill, Pennsylvania; and two half sisters, Mrs. Mary Callahan and Mrs. Nora Callahan, both of Roxana.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Funeral rites held for James S. Fields

Funeral services for James S. Fields, 79, were conducted Sunday at the McRoberts Regular Baptist Church by Elders James Wright, Henry Welch, Bill Sparks and Ismay Sparks. Burial was in the Lewis Cemetery at Whitesburg.

Mr. Fields died June 3 at the Whitesburg Hospital.

Mr. Fields was a son of Joe and Nannie Caudill Fields. He was a member of the McRoberts church. Mr. Fields was married early in life to Eleanor Day, who died. In 1919 he was married to Jane Mullins, who survives him.

Other survivors besides his wife are four sons, Denver Fields, St. Louis, Mo.; Ralph Fields, Toledo, Ohio; Raymond Fields, Science Hill; and Lovell Fields, Louisville; six daughters, Mrs. Vada Caudill, Warsaw, Ind.; Mrs. Minnie Howell, Langley; Mrs. Nannie Hawkins, Sydney, Ohio; Mrs. Ruby Prater, West Carrollton, Ohio; Mrs. Eunice Sturgill, Ermine; Mrs. Euna Caudill, Whitesburg; a brother, Ambrose Fields, Whitesburg; a sister, Maggie Stamper, Warsaw, Ind., 46 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Hall baby succumbs

Jeffery Hall, day-old son of John and Mary Roberta Quillen Hall, died June 3 at the Whitesburg hospital.

Funeral services and burial were held June 4 at the family cemetery.

Survivors besides the parents are five sisters and three brothers. Moore and Craft Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

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## This week in Whitesburg

Guests of Mrs. John M. Adams this week are her children, Mrs. Hayden Wilson and son, Thurman Hayden of Grove Port, Ohio, and M/Sgt. Charles Adams, Mrs. Adams and their daughter, Barbara, of Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Ind.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter L. Owen, formerly of Whitesburg, have moved from Fargo, N. D., to Bloomington, Ind.

Mrs. Ismay Sparks is doing fine after undergoing surgery on her arm at the Whitesburg hospital last week.

House guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Brack Whitaker is her sister, Mrs. Tom Webb of Neom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enns attended a dinner served by the Elizabeth Church on Millstone Sunday.

Mrs. Brack Whitaker enjoyed a happy birthday last week when her children called. Son Lucian Bates called from Westport, Ind., and daughter Mrs. Mildred Caudill called from her home in Dunville.

Friends of Herbert W. Webb, formerly of Letcher County, will be glad to learn he is now employed at Cape Kennedy. He lives at 765 Forest Road, Indian River City, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bentley and their two daughters of Huntsville, Ala., have been here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zenneth Bentley.

Dr. and Mrs. Gid Whitaker are spending a few weeks in Whitesburg. The Whitakers make their home in Florida most of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caudill and family are spending several days at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Arthur Banks of Louisville, formerly of Whitesburg, was a visitor here last week.

Coy Holstein Jr. is the owner of a Jaguar, bright red. He and his father returned from a trip to Central Kentucky with it.

Yarlette and John Swisher have a new Volkswagen.

Miss Betty Hammock is at home from Morehead State College for a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hammock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Morgan are parents of a daughter, born recently at Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins have returned home after spending a week in Washington, D. C., where they attended a national bottlers' meeting. Last week the Collinses and three of their daughters, Rebecca, Cordellia and Cecilia, spent a few days in Louisville and Central Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Frazier and sons, Scott and Paul Mark, of Lexington, were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Craft, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Frazier. The younger Fraziers live in Lexington.

Clyde Lucas recently underwent surgery at the Whitesburg hospital. Emery L. Frazier of Washington, D. C., was a guest in town over the Memorial Day holiday.

Mrs. Bill Adams is a patient at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Stephen J. Cornett of Charlottesville, Va., was a visitor in Whitesburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gatton plan to return to Whitesburg to live in the fall. They have been in Lexington for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Fields and son, Donnie, and daughter, Dot, have been guests of her parents, the Forest Browns, and his parents, the Ted Fieldses. They are moving from Manchester to Huntington, W. Va. Jill Brown, Mrs. Fields' sister, will spend several days in Huntington with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis were in Lexington several days last week. Mr. Lewis was in the hospital for a medical check up and Mrs. Lewis did some shopping, and they both did some visiting. They visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Welliver, and her family. During their visit, a friend of Mrs. Welliver, Miss Elli Eikat, and her fiancé, Paul Bascara, flew from Rochester, N. Y., for a visit with the Wellivers. The Wellivers plan to fly to New York for the wedding of Miss Eikat and Mr. Bascara on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ray Adams have a new daughter, Jotanna Rae. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Collins (Inez Pratt) have returned to their home in New Mexico after a long

visit with her parents, the Nick Wrights. Her sister, Rutter Margaret Wright, went back with them for a visit. Mr. Collins' brother, Cecil Collins, also will visit with them for a while.

All Letcher Countians in Louisville are invited to attend the annual Letcher County picnic at the top of the hill in Iroquois Park in Louisville June 20. Friends are invited to come early and stay late. Further information may be obtained from Joe Hall, 1700 Shady Lane, Louisville 5, Ky., or by calling 451-9710 in Louisville.

Mrs. Goy Franklin and Mrs. John Engle were in Lexington one day last week.

Remus Pratt is doing fine after surgery in the Jenkins hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Niece are visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Niece and their three daughters, Mona, Ann and Marie, in California this week. Another son, John R. Niece Jr., lives in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Shade Adams has again been a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maggard and daughters, Karen and Belinda, have returned from a visit with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Browning, in Cynthia. There they all enjoyed a birthday dinner for four members of the family—Mr. Browning, Mrs. Maggard, Karen and a nephew, David Adams Gasser.

Mr. and Mrs. Tandy C. Stidham are here from Valparaiso, Fla., for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Stidham is the former Ellen Maggard, who worked in the Dawahare Department Store for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds have moved to Whitesburg from

Lexington. He is employed as a pharmacist at Ouelen Drug Co. Mr. Reynolds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reynolds of Whitesburg. Mrs. Reynolds is the former Wanda Rodgers, daughter of the Rev. Clel B. Rodgers, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kersey of Lexington were recent visitors in Whitesburg.

Miss Helen Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fields, is home from Berea College for the summer.

Mrs. J. D. Fairchild is in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington for a check up.

Linda Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holmes, formerly of Whitesburg, will begin the study of radiology at a Huntington, W. Va., hospital this summer. Her family lives now at Point Pleasant, W. Va. She is a niece of Mrs. Clyde Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Maggard attended church at Mayking Sunday. The Thornton Regular Baptist Church there has recently completed renovation of the building's interior. New seats and carpets have been installed.

Mrs. Rush Hoskins (Beth) and daughter Jill spent last week with her parents, the Clyde Lucases.

Mr. Hoskins, a teacher of history at Leslie County High School, was in Washington with the seniors. Mrs. Hoskins teaches English at the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Picklesimer were in Knoxville late in May for the wedding of a granddaughter, Miss Judy Picklesimer, to First Lt. Charles Belitz of the A. R. Force. Miss Picklesimer is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marion

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Temple Missionary school. She will remain there until August, when she will go to Springfield, Mo., to finish her studies as a missionary at the Baptist Bible College. Mrs. Vicki Martin is here from Melbourne, Fla., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Leroy Fields, and Mr. Fields. Mrs. Forest Brown and daughter, Mrs. Teddy Fields, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kilgore, in Lexington over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hart and sons are spending a vacation in Western Kentucky. Mrs. Walter Enlow and Miss Hes-

ter Day were in Lexington for a few days this week. **Craft wins highest honors at Pikeville** Commodore Craft Jr. of Thornton received Pikeville College's top commencement award at the college's graduation exercises May 30. The award, the Dr. W. C. Condit watch, went to Craft for having the best grades in the graduating class. He had a standing of 3.84 quality points per semester hour of a possible 4.00.

**Receives degree** Miss Barbara Yvonne Helton, daughter of Mrs. Madeline R. Helton of Linefork, completed the requirements for the bachelor of science degree at Union College this month. Miss Helton is a graduate of Kingdom Come High School, Linefork. She is graduating with a major in English and a minor in history. She has been a member of the International Relations Club and Union College Christian Association while attending college.

**ENGAGED**—Miss Julie Charles Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Moore, will be married July 3 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Capt. Robert Daniel Baker, of the 305 Air Commando Squadron, Howard Air Force Base, Panama Canal Zone. Capt. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Baker of Moundsville, W. Va. Miss Moore is a graduate of Whitesburg High School and attended the University of Kentucky. She was graduated from the University of Louisville school of dental hygiene. For the past five years she has been a dental hygienist in Sarasota, Fla. She is a member of the Spinners Club, Florida Aero Club, Grasshoppers, Airplane Owners and Pilots Assn., the Ninety-Nines Inc., an international organization of women pilots, and Sarasota Search and Rescue Squadron. She is affiliated with the American Dental Hygienists Assn., Florida Dental Hygienists Assn. and Florida West Coast Dental Hygienists Assn.

**Whitesburg . . . (from Page 5)**

**Pickles** Mrs. Lena Hill is here from Florida for a visit with her parents, the Leonard Collinses, and other relatives in and around Whitesburg. Mr. Hill also will visit her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Hill, in Carrollton. Mr. Hill was killed in World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Lewis have been visiting relatives in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Gossie Quillen have been vacationing in Myrtle Beach. Mr. Bill Fields and daughter, Shannon Banks, were recent visitors of relatives in Whitesburg. Wendall Is-n of Dongola, former teacher at Cowan Elementary School, received a Kentucky colonelcy from the Cowan PTO at an appreciation dinner for all the teachers of the school. He is now employed at the Letcher County Office of the Department of Economic Security Division of Public Assistance.

Mrs. Pebbie Craft was one of the chaperones to accompany the Colson eighth grade class to Lexington, Frankfort, Bardston and other points of interest recently. At Frankfort they visited the Capitol and saw the floral clock. At Lexington they saw the airport and the home of Henry Clay and at Bardston they saw the Old Kentucky home. They also visited the Lincoln homestead and the Lincoln Memorial.

The home of Mrs. B. F. Salyer on Hays Street has a new face. The front porch has been enclosed and new windows and new siding added. R. B. Salyer of Salyer Radio Co. and his sister, Miss Elline Salyer, live with their mother. Leonard Kelsey, brother-in-law of Leroy W. Fields and Mrs. Don Brown, died recently in Florida. His funeral was conducted and his body was brought back here for burial. A short funeral was conducted at the Methodist Church here by the Rev. H. M. Wiley. Among those from out of town here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Danner, Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, Lexington; Emery L. Frazier, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith and Mrs. Edna Whitlow of Lexington and D. W. Fields and Mr. and Mrs. John Kelsey of Florida.

The Dawahares were in Whitesburg over Memorial Day week end visiting with Martin and Hoover Dawahare. There were Mrs. Woodrow Dawahare and children of Lexington, Mrs. Harding Dawahare and children of Pikeville, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dawahare of Hazard, Mrs. Abe Kawaja and son, Lewis, of Willi-

amson, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Dawahare and daughters of Pikeville. Mrs. Kawaja was called home because of the death of her mother-in-law. Miss Roselma Swift, nurse at the Whitesburg hospital, has a group of family visitors, including her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swift of Republic, Pa.; her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dinkey and son, Edward, of Lorain, Ohio; Mrs. Mildred Funk and son, Billy, of Uniontown, Pa. Mrs. Funk and Billy will go to Huntsville, Ala., for a visit with a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ruth. Mr. Ruth is a physicist at Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville. After a two week visit they will come back by Whitesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Dinkey came by Chattanooga, where a daughter, Mary Lou, will go to missionary school at the Chattanooga



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## WHITESBURG LITTLE LEAGUE RELEASES SCHEDULE OF GAMES THROUGH JULY 16

Here is the schedule of Whitesburg Little League baseball games from Monday through July 18: (Home teams are listed first)

Monday, June 14--Gloco-VFW, 6 p. m.; Coke-RC, 8 p. m.  
Tuesday, June 15--Gloco-Coke, 6; Dawahares-Oilers, 8.  
Thursday, June 17--VFW-Gloco, 6; Coke-RC, 8.  
Friday, June 18--VFW-RC, 6; Dawahares-A&B, 8.  
Monday, June 21--RC-Gloco, 6; Coke-VFW, 8.  
Tuesday, June 22--RC-VFW, 6; Oilers-A&B, 8.  
Thursday, June 24--RC-Coke, 6; VFW-Gloco, 8.  
Friday, June 25--Coke-Gloco, 6; Oilers-Dawahares, 8.  
Monday, June 28--Gloco-RC, 6; Coke-VFW, 8.

Tuesday, June 29--Gloco-Coke, 6; A&B-Dawahares, 8.  
Thursday, July 1--VFW-Gloco, 6; Coke-RC, 8.  
Friday, July 2--VFW-RC, 6; A&B-Oilers, 8.  
Monday, July 5--RC-Gloco, 6; VFW-Coke, 8.  
Tuesday, July 6--RC-VFW, 6; Dawahares-Oilers, 8.  
Thursday, July 8--RC-Coke, 6; Gloco-VFW, 8.  
Friday, July 9--Gloco-Coke, 6; Dawahares-A&B, 8.  
Monday, July 12--Gloco-RC, 6; Coke-VFW, 8.  
Tuesday, July 13--Coke-Gloco, 6; Oilers-A&B, 8.  
Thursday, July 15--VFW-Coke, 6; Gloco-RC, 8.  
Friday, July 16--VFW-RC, 6; Oilers-Dawahares, 8.

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Instruction will be in two-hour, nightly sessions by a registered instructor. Additional information and registration are available at the pool.

## Serves in Korea

Army Pfc. Paul D. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil W. Anderson of Rocky Branch, was graduated recently from the I Corps Artillery Specialist Academy in Korea.

He is an operations and intelligence assistant in Battery B, 1st Battalion of the 7th Artillery.

## C. C. Tucker dies

Funeral services for Christopher Columbus Tucker, 70, were to be held today at his home at Burdine by Elders Edgar Baltimore and Dallas Kelly. Burial was to be in Letcher County Memorial Gardens at Payne Gap.

Mr. Tucker died June 7 at the Mountain Home Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., where he had been a patient for three days.

He was a native of Burdine, and a member of the Shelby Gap Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Pearl Potter Tucker; three sons, Grady Tucker, Neon, Kenneth Tucker, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jim Tucker, Shelby Gap, Ky.; a daughter, Mrs. Avonell Rose, Shelby Gap; three brothers, Herbert Tucker, Payne Gap, and Emory and Jim Tucker, both of Shelby Gap; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

American Legion Post 66 at Jenkins conducted military funeral services.

Blair Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Sol Frazier of Whitesburg succumbs

Funeral services for Sol Frazier, 65, of Whitesburg, were held at his residence June 5 by Robert Wilson and Bill Howard. Burial was in the Dianah Blair cemetery at Day.

Mr. Frazier died June 2 at the Whitesburg hospital, where he had been a patient for two days. He was a native of the C. wan

section of Letcher County. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Day Frazier; a daughter, Mamie Katherine Frazier, at home; three sons, William Riley, J. L. and Joe Frazier, all at home; and a brother, Earl Frazier, Detroit, Mich. Blair Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

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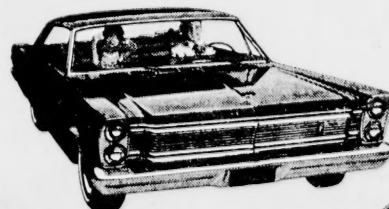
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### Funeral services held for Fayette Vanover

Funeral services for Fayette Vanover, 74, were conducted at his residence June 4 by Dewey Cantrell, Orville Short and Elmer Cantrell. Burial was in the Vanover Cemetery at Bold Camp, Va. Mr. Vanover died June 1 in the Park Avenue Hospital at Norton, Va., where he had been a patient for more than five weeks. He was born in Kentucky and was a member of the Bold Camp Regu-

lar Baptist Church. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Delphia Mullins Vanover; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Hayes, Jenkins; and Mrs. Lena Stallard, Pound, Va.; four sons, Carl, Bruce, Billy and Joseph Vanover, all of Pound, and a brother, Burton Vanover, also of Pound; 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Blair Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

### Burdine soldier sent to Vietnam

US FORCES, Vietnam--Army Pfc. Franklin M. Fleming, grandson of Mrs. Bertie Fleming of Burdine, has been assigned to the U. S. Army Support Command in Vietnam as a track vehicle mechanic. Fleming was last assigned at Fort Hood, Texas. He is 20 and attended Jenkins High School.

### Two Letcher students graduated at Berea

McArthur Watts and Arnold R. Frazier were among the 191 seniors to be graduated from Berea College June 6. Watts received the bachelor of arts degree in biology and Frazier received the bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watts of Hallie. He is a graduate of Letcher High School.

Frazier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Frazier of Premium, is a 1961 graduate of Whitesburg High School. At Berea, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Alpha honor societies and president of the Berea chapter of the American Chemical Society. Frazier plans to attend medical school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.



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## Millstone

### PROBLEM: ARE ASTRONAUTS TWO MONTHS OR FOUR DAYS OLDER?

By MABEL KISER

Millstoners were too busy watching history being made this week to tell me much personal news, so the news items are short.

Now that Gemini 4 is history, are the men, who saw 62 sunrises and 62 sunsets, two months older or four days older? History is being made too fast for most of us to follow.

Jeff McElroy, first grader in Mrs. Isom Sargent's room at Lower Millstone, is very proud of the three Kennedy half dollars he won this year—two were for not missing a day of school this year and one was for making the most head marks. All this reminds me of a prize I won long ago for making the most head marks in spelling. The prize was a pencil with a bronzed head of Al Smith on the end of the pencil. I am a Republican.

Miss Gloria Cook and Miss Deborah Mason, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Okie Mason, yesterday were very little girls but today are quite grown up young ladies and have entered a school of cosmetology in Cleveland.

Clio Bentley has suffered a very severe stroke and is very ill in the Harlan Hospital. To see him recently were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Salyer, Batavia, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Junior) Green and son, George, Cincinnati; Mrs. Frances Potter, Dayton; Judge and Mrs. James M. Caudill, Neon; Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Bentley, Payne Gap; Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Bentley, Eddie and Yvonne; Bruce Quillen; Miss Rebecca Pass, Ercel Stone, Mrs. Karo Bentley and sons, Allen, Jerry and Roy; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bentley, Payne Gap; Elders Lawson Hall and Felix Sexton and a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stallard of Fleming. Charles is the son of John and Laura Bentley Stallard, formerly of Neon, now of Florida.

Mrs. Opal Hall spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Eunice Meade. They attended Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church Saturday night and dinner at the church on Sunday.

The Meades are having a reunion Sunday, June 27, at the Elizabeth

Regular Baptist Church on Millstone. If you are a Meade or married a Meade, come and bring a basket of food and enjoy the day.

Norma Milton and Jimmy Meade were married late last month.

Jimmy is the son of Sherman and Mabelle Baker Meade and Norma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Milton, all of Millstone. The couple will live at McRoberts. Jimmy is an employee of the Neon A&P Store.

Recent visitors in the Bill Stampfer home were Mr. and Mrs. James Sexton and son, Mickey; Mrs. Thelma Huff and daughters, Lora Ann and Kathy, all of Cleveland; West Stamper of Blackey, Hiram and Steve Stamper of Isom and Marion Stamper of Lincoln County.

Have you noticed what a heavy foliage we have this summer? Old timers always said this denoted a severe cold weather the following winter.

The very welcome guests of the Ballard Meades in Fleming were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Craft of Springfield, Ohio, and Daniel Meade of Dayton.

Dinner guests of the Ballard Meades were Elders John Hess of Virginia and Arville Tackett of Dorton.

The Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church on Millstone served a dinner Sunday to a large congregation. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward building a new church house, to be erected where the old one stands.

Now is the time to read Revelations 1-7 and Ezekiel 1-28.

Mrs. W. D. Bentley is home from visiting her children in Indianapolis. A granddaughter, Jane Ann, came home for a visit with her this summer. Jane Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meade and also will visit her paternal grandparents, the Lloyd Meades.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kiser of Craft's Colly are home from a visit with her sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mullins of Detroit. A nephew, Leonard Mullins, and a niece, Mrs. Vivian Combs Sexton, accompanied them home.

At the dinner Sunday at the Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church

someone left an aluminum top to a cake plate and a brown earthenware bowl. The owners may pick them up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Kiser.

Mrs. Bill (Jean) Raleigh and children, Steve and Sherlon Jean, of West Virginia are visiting the Harold Raleighs of Owen Fork. Also visiting the Raleighs were a daughter and her family, Mrs. William Harold Kiser of Valley Station.

Mack Combs of Craft's Colly is not well. Mr. Combs is in his late 80's.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudill were visiting in Morehead last week. They have a new grandchild, Janet Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnel Clay Blair. Janet is the second child and first daughter of the couple. Sunday the Caudills were visiting Mrs. Victoria Whitaker on Linefork.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Collins of Kona, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holbrook and Miss Susie Meade attended the graduation of Brenda Jo Collins at Jenkins.

Friends of Willie P. Webb of Sergeant are glad to see him up and about after major surgery in the Whitesburg hospital.

Recent guests in the home of the J. S. Holbrooks were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyd and son Paul of Lawrenceburg; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Potter of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Jed Mosgrove and Mrs. Boughman of Mayking. The Boyds also visited his mother, Mrs. Nora Boyd, in Whitesburg. The Henry Potters visited brothers Lexie Potter of Whitesburg and Sam Potter of Jenkins.

The Jim Boyds, the J. S. Holbrooks and Mrs. Nora Boyd all had (Continued on Page 10)

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**ENGAGED**--Mr. and Mrs. Conley Price of Whitesburg announce the engagement of their daughter, LaDonna Sue, to John W. Artis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Artis of Ashland. Both Mr. Artis and Miss Price are June graduates of Eastern Kentucky State College. Presently Mr. Artis is employed by Kelly and Galloway Accounting firm in Ashland. The wedding will take place Aug. 14 at the Whitesburg Methodist Church.

### Class of 1928 sets reunion here July 3

The Whitesburg High School graduating class of 1928 will hold a reunion at 7 p. m. July 3 at the Letcher Lanes dining room here. About 30 persons are expected to attend, including graduates and their husbands or wives.

The class included 23 members. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Leonard Lewis, Whitesburg.

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### Millstone . . .

Dinner with Mrs. Martha Jane Potter Monday night. Others visiting Mrs. Potter were Mrs. Bob Gibson of K-na and her sister, Elsie Gibson of Dayton, and Paul Bates, a former student of Mrs. Potter who is now a soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, cousins of Mrs. Martha Potter and Mrs. J. S. Holbrook, were visiting them last Friday.

Uncle Ben Franklin is home and doing well after another stay in the Jenkins hospital. Visiting him recently were Mr. and Mrs. Remus Holbrook of Lincoln Park, Mich. (Maggie visited the Franklins and Remus visited his mother, Mrs. Sylvan Holbrook, at Haymond). Mrs. Billy Franklin and son Randy of Peebles, Ohio, and Mrs. Bill Franklin of Cherry Fork, Ohio, who also visited her parents, the Randall Maggards at Sackett. This year Billy Franklin could not keep his yearly rendezvous at the grave of Wendell Lewis, a fallen comrade of the Korean War, so son Randy placed a flag on the grave of his father's friend. This is the first time Billy has missed placing a flag on the grave of his friend. Others visiting here were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Franklin and daughter of Junction City, Ga.

Mrs. Virgie Johnson is here for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Franklin.

Alvin Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sexton, is in the hospital for treatment of an arm injury. Alvin is in the Air Force and is stationed in California.

How time changes everything was made evident recently when I read some old Mountain Eagles. Some of the advertising sounded strange. In a November, 1919, edition was advertising for the Peerless Variety Store, Neon; the Blackey State Bank, Blackey; Slim-Buick Motor Co., Inc.; Millstone; the National Real Estate Exchange, Whitesburg, and many more that have long since left Letcher County. A personal item was the announcement of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Long--just announcement, no address. This little girl would now be a woman of 46. If she reads The Mountain Eagle she would like to hear from her.

### (from Page 9)

Sharon Meade recently spent a pleasant week end at Myrtle Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Meade went to North Carolina to visit their ill son, Wendell, who is very little improved but will go home this week. Mrs. Meade stayed in North Carolina.

### Serves in Brooklyn

USS INTREPID--Gunner's Mate First Class Charles T. Jones, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones of Whitesburg, participated in formal change of command ceremonies last month while serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier Intrepid at Brooklyn, N. Y.

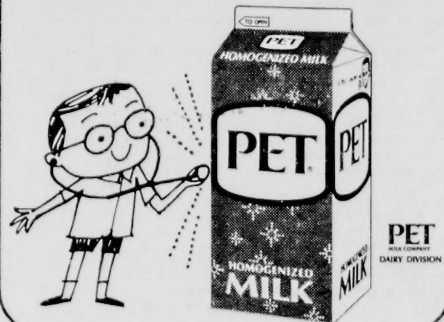
The Intrepid is undergoing a six-month overhaul at the New York Naval Shipyard at Brooklyn.

### Vermillion honored

W. I. Vermillion (Billy) celebrated his 85th birthday June 6 with a family reunion and dinner at the home of his youngest son, Eugene Vermillion, and Mrs. Vermillion in Whitesburg. Twenty-eight members of his family were present, including his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Vermillion; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hicks, Mrs. Wilton Kelley and son, John Edward, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. T. K. Walters, Jennie and Cheryl Walters; Mr. and Mrs. Holland Norman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carr, Joanne, David, Virginia and Mary, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Virginia Vermillion, Billy Cooper Vermillion, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vermillion, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vermillion, Scott, Karl and Luan, Whitesburg.

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**J. D. LARKEY (AGENT)**  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from Page 2)

Mr. Sweeney to restate this need and my views, and I am enclosing a copy of that letter.

I am glad to tell you that the Appalachian Regional Commission met today and considered the case for approval of this development highway along the corridor following the route of U. S. 119 and 25E in Letcher, Harlan and Bell Counties. After the case for approval of this corridor was presented, the Commission announced its intention to hold a special meeting in two weeks in order to arrive at a determination as to whether to include this highway in the regional plan.

I am sure that the Commission will approve the corridor, and I believe the work and concern in your communities has resulted in the Commission giving careful consideration to this important matter. I was very glad to be able to work with you, and to explain my strong convictions and support for this project to Chairman Sweeney.

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER

(The following is Senator Cooper's letter to Federal Chairman Sweeney of the Appalachian Commission.)

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

I appreciate very much the opportunity you have given me to discuss with you the road program for Kentucky under the Appalachian Regional Development Act, and, in recent weeks, the need for constructing under this Act a development highway along the corridor following the route of U. S. 119 and 25E in Letcher, Harlan and Bell Counties, Kentucky.

It is necessary that this corridor be approved, so that Harlan and Bell Counties, located deep in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, will not be left isolated. The approval of this corridor would provide a link with the corridors approved for Kentucky at the last meeting of the Commission, and it would provide to these and other counties in the area access to Interstate Highway I-75. It would also provide outlets to Tennessee and to the Cumberland Gap area, and thence to Virginia and the East. Harlan and Bell Counties have been prosperous in past years, and their economy can recover if their present state of isolation--chiefly from lack of highways--can be ended. I hope that approval can be given to this section of the road system as early as possible this summer.

I have worked on this legislation for years and have discussed it many times with officials in the Department of Commerce, and with two Presidents. It was my privilege to co-sponsor this Act at its introduction in the Senate. Additionally, as a member of the Senate Public Works Committee, which was responsible for conducting hearings and reporting the legislation to the Senate, I had the opportunity to study closely its details and to consider carefully the broad purposes of the Act.

When the bill was before the Senate for action, I worked with Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia in its management on the Senate floor, and I participated in the entire debate over its provisions. I know that in the consideration of those sections of the bill concerned with the construction of highways, it was understood that main corridors would be constructed to connect the Appalachian States and to open up areas of the several States, including Kentucky, to access and development. But it has always been my view that the Act--including its road provisions--was also designed to accomplish, to the greatest extent possible, development of the isolated regions of Kentucky and other Appalachian States in order to provide new opportunity and improvement for their people and communities.

I am aware that under the Act the States have the primary responsibility for recommending projects and establishing priorities within their borders, and that their recommendations are then considered by the Appalachian Regional Commission for final approval. I am writing, however, to restate the reasons I have advanced in our conversations in support of my views regarding the

objectives of the Act, and I want to state again that the additional corridor in Letcher, Harlan and Bell Counties would clearly fit these objectives.

Again, I thank you for the full and thoughtful consideration you are giving to this matter.

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER

## Compliment

To the editor:

If you will oblige me, I would like to pay a special compliment to the Mountain Eagle.

In my recent successful campaign for the nomination for county commissioner, I think the simple statement of common sense, good will and good intentions as presented in the Eagle reached our thinking people, those who put first the welfare of all the people, better than anything else.

I believe it shows that our good people will place confidence in you if you show faith in them. And they respect the Eagle.

I. D. BACK  
Blackey, Ky.

## Mrs. James Fairchild dies in Lexington

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. James McCormack Fairchild in Lexington May 15.

Mrs. Fairchild died at Good Samaritan Hospital after an illness of more than a year.

The former Mattie Cecil Prater, she was a native of Magoffin County. After attending Richmond State Normal School, now Eastern Kentucky State College, she was a teacher in the Whitesburg Elementary School for three years. Later she became head of millinery for the Mullins Department Store.

In 1927 she was married to James McCormack Fairchild, son of the late Sarah Anne Kelly Fairchild and Stephen Gose Fairchild of Whitesburg. He survives her.

Mrs. Fairchild also is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles Edward Phillips of Hyattsville, Md. seven sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted May 18 at the W. R. Millard mortuary in Lexington by the Rev. David A. Friedley. Burial was in the Lexington cemetery.

## Haymond

## Mrs. Sheehy dies in Hazard

By MABEL KISER

Haymond residents were saddened last week by the death of a neighbor, Mrs. Rushie Holbrook Noble Sheehy. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holbrook, and was the sister of Mrs. Della Holbrook, Mrs. John Richardson and Bummer Holbrook, all of whom live in Tollivertown. Mrs. Sheehy had made her home in Hazard the past year with a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kiser. Funeral services were conducted at her old home by Elders Francis Hubbard, Bill Rose and Carl Duty.

Burial was in the Holbrook family cemetery. Among those from out of town here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hall, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Denis Hall, Cumberland; Mrs. Can Holbrook and daughter of Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Richardson and family of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Holbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holbrook, Hazard; Mrs. Millard Cantrell and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Holbrook, of Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Eppie Holbrook of Kite; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullins and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bentley of Jenkins. Mrs. Sheehy was survived by six children, three boys and three girls--S. H. (Homas) Noble, of Hazard; Roosevelt Noble, Cleveland; Tommy Sheehy of Cleveland; Mrs. Sarah N. King of Detroit; Mrs. Juanita Kiser of Hazard; and Mrs. Billy Jean Webb of Haymond. A brother, Sandy Holbrook, of Ohio, was unable to come for his sister's funeral.

## Mrs. Lonzo Caudill dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Caudill, wife of Lonzo Caudill, were conducted Tuesday at the Smithsboro Baptist Church by the Rev. Ira Henderson. Burial was in the Blair and Adams cemetery at Jeremiah.

Mrs. Caudill died June 5 at her home. She was 39.

She was the daughter of Stephen and Nancy Margaret Adams Craft. Survivors besides her husband are two children, Lynn Douglas and Kim Edward Caudill; two brothers, Arlie Craft, Bridgeport, Conn., and Steve Ivan Craft, Jeremiah; and a sister, Vada Caudill, Jeremiah.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church at Smithsboro.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Jimmy Bates succumbs

Jimmy Darrel Bates, 20, died Wednesday, June 9, at the Randolph County Hospital in Winchester, Ind., as the result of injuries received June 7 in an automobile accident.

Funeral services for him were to be held Saturday at the Little Rock Regular Baptist Church at Kona by Elder John Sexton. Burial was to be in the Thornton Cemetery.

He was a son of Greeley and Verma Wright Bates, who survive him. Other survivors are the following brothers and sisters: Betty Sue Stewart, Lebanon, Ohio; Paul Eugene, Danny Wayne, Johnny Morgan, Geneva, Ga.; Tommy K., Charles, Dewana, Delana, Fernia June and Greeley Bates Jr., all at home.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Pfc. Kirby Ison drowns in Germany

Funeral services for Pfc. Kirby Ison, 20, were to be conducted Saturday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Marie Ison, Osceola, by Elders Carl Back, Ed Willis and Maynard Banks. Burial was to be in the Ison cemetery at Premium.

Pfc. Ison drowned in a boating accident May 30 on the Mein River in Germany, where he was stationed with the U. S. Army. He was a son of the late Ruben Ison.

He attended Whitesburg High School and enlisted in the Army in February of 1964.

Survivors besides his mother are a sister, Jenny Ison, Osceola, and four brothers, Pfc. Nolan Ison, Germany, and Roland, John and James Ison, all at home.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home, handled funeral arrangements.

## Mrs. Hampton dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Armelda Hampton, 79, widow of Wilburn Hampton, were to be conducted Friday, June 11, at the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church by Elders I. D. Back, Manus Ison and Ray Collins.

Burial was to be in the Horse Mill Point Cemetery at Jeremiah. Mrs. Hampton died Tuesday at the Whitesburg hospital, where she had been a patient for several hours.

She was a daughter of the late Noah and Rebecca Amburgey Gent and was a member of the Blair Branch church.

Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Mattie H. Lewis, Whitesburg; Mrs. Hattie Stewart, Jeremiah; Mrs. Billy Price, Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Grace Shepherd, Cincinnati; five sons, Blaine Hampton, Lohrville, Ova Hampton, Somerset; Ellis Hampton, Louisville; Ernest Hampton, Miami, Ohio, and Lee Hampton, Indianapolis, Ind.; four stepchildren, Mrs. Bertha Combs, Sassafras; Dewey Hampton, Lexington; Marjorie M. Hampton, Cadiz; and Kelley Hampton, Beattyville; a sister, Mrs. Causia Morton, Jackson, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Moore and Craft Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

## Attend the anti-strip mine meeting at Carr Creek June 16

## Fleming-Neon VIRGINIA WOMAN HERE FOR VISIT

By MRS. JIM REVIS

Mrs. Aaron Hall of Conway, Va., was here this week visiting Mrs. Carrie Hall of McRoberts, and she stopped by for a visit with Mrs. W. M. Dempsey and Mrs. Mary Wright. Mrs. Hall is recovering from a bad heart attack and seems to be doing fine.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Baker, whose baby died 37 hours after birth. The Bakers live at Portsmouth, Va. The baby's funeral was held at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. George Stewart, and it was buried at Whitaker.

Also our sympathy goes to the family of Tom Holmes of McRoberts, who died Monday. His funeral was held Tuesday at Banks and Craft Funeral Home in Neon. His body was taken to Sawyer Hill, Tennessee, for burial.

Another of our longtime residents died Sunday. He was Robert H. Brown, better known to his friends as Greasemonkey Brown. Mr. Brown drove a cab and lived in Neon for many years. He was at the home of a sister in Whitesburg at the time of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Banks, Susie, Jan, and Archie and Miss Kathy Richardson have gone to Fontana Lake, N. C., for a week's vacation.

Miss Sandra Wojciechowski is home from Eastern Kentucky State College for a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wojciechowski. She will return to summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry V. Collier and family of South Shore were here over the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dempsey, and her sister, Mrs. Jim Revis, and Mr. Revis. Sunday they attended a dinner at Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church, Millstone. Mrs. Bertha Collier and daughter Carol, also of South Shore, were here to attend the dinner and to visit relatives.

Sgt. E/5 Ray Stapleton, who has been stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division, came in Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stapleton of Fleming. He is going to Berlin, Germany, where he will be stationed for a few months. His wife and children will stay in Amarillo, Texas, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, while he is away.

Mrs. Bobby Welch and boys of Morehead have been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broom of Fleming, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welch of Jenkins, for a while. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed were here from Cincinnati visiting her father, who is quite ill. They took her father, J. W. Berry, back with them to care for him until he is better.

Herbert Fleenor and a friend, Buster Thompson, of Logan, W. Va., were visiting Mr. Fleenor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fleenor of Fleming Sunday. Mrs. Fleenor has been ill for two weeks.

Brack Holland of Fleming received a call from his nephew last week telling him his brother was seriously ill in Mt. Sterling. Mr. Holland went to him, and on Sunday the brother died. Our sympathy goes to the family.

Earl David Holt of Eastern State College is here until fall with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holt of Hemphill road.

Mrs. Martin Sturgill and daughter Kathy are here for several months visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, and Kenney and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sturgill of Jenkins, while her husband is overseas.

## New firm opens here

Mrs. Nathan Baker, former president of Boone Boy Industries, said this week she is opening a reupholstery shop in downtown Whitesburg.

The new business will be known as "Letcher Reupholstery" and will be located at the rear of the Daniel Boone Hotel on Broadway in quarters formerly occupied by an air-conditioning firm.

The Bakers will be sole owners. Boone Boy, a furniture and reupholstery firm located at Letcher, was sold recently to a Manchester corporation after it lost its rented quarters.

sorry to learn that the home of Clay Hall, brother of Sheriff Lewis Hall, burned down Tuesday morning. The home was owned by Howard Johnson.

## NOTICE

LETCHER COUNTY COURT

IN THE MATTER OF LAURA SMITH, GUARDIAN FOR LINDA SUE BURROWS, AN INFANT

## NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 25.195, notice is hereby given that on June 7, 1965 Laura Smith, Guardian for Glenda Sue Burrows, an infant, filed her Final Report and Settlement in the Letcher County Court, which was ordered to lay over until July 7, 1965, for exceptions, and no exceptions having been filed or taken thereto, further notice is hereby given that on July 7, 1965, unless exceptions are filed in the meantime, an order will be entered approving and confirming said Final Report and Settlement in all things.

Dated this 7 day of June 1965.

CHARLIE WRIGHT

Clerk, Letcher County Court

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE--One eight-room with bathroom, hardwood floors, basement with coal furnace. Gas heater in living room. This house is on large lot 200 feet back, plenty shade trees, eight hickory trees, five bearing apple trees, twelve plum trees, cherry trees and beautiful maple trees.

One store building stocked with groceries; also fixtures. All this property is located two blocks from Berea College, two blocks from Berea rubber plant. This is for sale to settle the estate of the late John D. Smith. Located 504 West Jefferson Street, Berea, Ky. Phone 986-4506 or contact Mrs. John D. Smith, 504 West Jefferson Street, Berea, Ky.

## CALL FOR BIDS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways at its office, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 A. M. Eastern Standard Time on the 25th day of June, 1965, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: LETCHER COUNTY, APD 102 (35) SP 67-69: The Hazard-Whitesburg Road from Ky. 160 near Van to the Dry Fork Road, a distance of 2.188 miles. Grade, Drain and Traffic Bound Surface. LETCHER COUNTY, APD 102 (36) SP 67-69: The Hazard-Whitesburg Road from Ky. 15 approximately 0.5 mile east of Ison to Ky. 160 near Van, a distance of 2.686 miles. Grade, Drain and Traffic Bound Surface.

NOTE: MINIMUM WAGE RATES FOR THE ABOVE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PRE-DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND ARE SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSAL.

The Special Provisions for the Highway Projects financed with Federal Highway Funds apply on the foregoing projects.

Bid and Specimen proposals for all projects are available at the Division of Contract Controls at a cost of \$2.06 each. Bid proposals are issued only to pre-qualified Contractors. Remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky must accompany request for proposals.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS SHOULD BE MADE TO: MRS. BETTIE BARKER, DIV. OF CONTRACT CONTROLS, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY.

REQUEST FOR PLANS SHOULD BE MADE TO: MR. KAVANAUGH INMAN, DIV. OF DESIGN, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ADVERTISEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR. W. T. JUDY, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CONTRACT CONTROLS, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY June 4, 1965.



**HONORED**--William Van Whitaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Whitaker of Madison, Ind., received the Rotary Club's citizenship for outstanding service to his community, given each year to one boy in the graduating class at Madison Consolidated High School. He also received the National Thespians Society's certificate of merit for outstanding performance in the field of the dramatic arts. The Whitakers formerly lived in Whitesburg, and William plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall. He is a grandson of Melvin Cornett of Whitesburg; his mother is the former Rosemary Cornett.

### Schools (from Page 1)

The gyms at Fleming and Letcher could be built for about \$250,000 each, school officials estimate. There are no estimates on the Hot Spot or Kingdom Come buildings, but there obviously would be adequate bonding potential left to finance them as well as renovation of some other older school buildings which will continue in use.

The high court's ruling does not specify that taxes cannot be lowered, thus cutting bonding possibilities, but the Kentucky minimum foundation law, which governs school systems through the state, requires a "maximum local effort" toward school financing. Apparently a change in the foundation law would be required to permit a lowering of school tax rates. Fiscal court sets the school tax rate, but it is required by law to set what the rate the school board requests, and the school board is required by state law to levy at least \$1.10 on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

A delegation of about 25 Whitesburg business and civic leaders appeared at the June meeting of the Board of Education to ask just what Whitesburg stands in the matter of school building priority. Board members replied that they have an option on a site for the new grade school on the old show grounds, part of the Whitesburg urban renewal project. As soon as the land is filled and made safe from flooding by the Kentucky River, the board will buy the land for \$32,000; it hopes to complete the purchase during the next budget year. Superintendent of Schools Dave L. Craft said the State Department of Education is well pleased with the site. However, until the Court of Appeals decision this week, it appeared the board would not have bonding capacity to build the grade school building for three or four more years.

Board Member Kern Whitaker indicated he felt the board must provide classrooms for the Hot Spot area before starting a new building for Whitesburg. The grade school here has had high priority for many years, but fires at several other buildings have forced construction at other sites instead.

All board members indicated they felt classroom needs should be met before playrooms, etc., are built.

In other action at the June session, the board employed Mrs. Virginia Brown as clerk and Mrs. Parky Davidson as assistant and Harold Day as mechanic. It turned down Craft's recommendation of Kearney Day Jr., son of a former board member, as a mechanic also. It gave funds to the athletics club at Fleming-Neon to help toward construction of a dugout for Little League baseball teams and appropriated \$480 toward expenses of the county agricultural agent.

### Oppose strip mining

Creek high school gymnasium in Knott County at 7:30 p. m. June 16 (Wednesday). Originally the meeting had been scheduled at the Hindman gym but plans were changed because that gym is undergoing repairs.

Strip coal operators have responded quickly to organization of the group and to counter its charges.

Already coal industry spokesmen are circulating rumors that the aroused citizens are "radicals," "communists," etc. These are the common propaganda tactics used against almost any Eastern Kentuckian who speaks out against the abuses of the coal industry.

The Group to Save the Land and the People has five immediate objectives:

1. To raise funds to enable Homer Ritchie to file suit against Kentucky River Coal Sales Co. Ritchie's home on Clear Creek was covered by mud and trees a few days ago when virtually an entire mountain-side which had been strip mined slid down on it.
2. To collect signatures on petitions to Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, requesting immediate action to enforce state strip mine laws and to halt further destruction of private property.
3. Petitions and telegrams to other state and federal officials, including President Johnson.
4. A giant motorcade to Frankfort seeking new legislation. This tentatively had been planned for June 21, when a special session of the state legislature was to have begun. The legislative session has been postponed and another date will be picked.
5. To raise funds to carry to the U. S. Supreme Court a suit testing the validity of the old "long-form deeds" under which strip mine operators are claiming authority to destroy property of the holders of surface rights.

Eldon Davidson, the Letcher County co-chairman, joined Martin in a special invitation to every resident of Letcher County to join Knott and Perry County residents in the meeting at the Carr Creek gym next Wednesday night (June 16).

"We must unite and work together if we are to save Eastern Kentucky," he said.

Both Tolbert Combs, the Perry County commonwealth's attorney, and Calvin Manis, the county attorney of Perry County, promised their support.

Manis said he was the only county attorney in Eastern Kentucky who had sued any firm for stream pollution. He forced a construction company recently to remove dirt it had dumped into the Kentucky River. Manis said citizens would have to go before grand juries and charge the coal companies in order to get anything done about stream pollution from strip mining.

Combs said he would be in the motorcade to Frankfort and would lead it if the others wanted him to. Here are some remarks by other speakers:

**MARTIN**--  
"I am a school teacher. I got a loan and remodeled my house, and now they are coming around back of it and as far as our laws are concerned at the present time, we can't even collect damages. They can collect trees and rocks down on us and push our house on into the creek, and the only we can collect damages in this state is to let the creeks fill up and the water get up and flood us. I live way up the

hill and I don't think I will ever be flooded. I will be pushed off into the creek. . . . Now some of these boys (from Knott County) are over in South Vietnam fighting for the country and these men are pushing and tearing up and destroying what we've got and the judge gave them an order to go right on through and I guess they went about a mile today plowing up timber and throwing dirt over on top of it. The way they have these laws set up, it all falls back they have got all the laws set up for the operator against the man who owns the land, and we don't have a chance, we don't have a chance."

"Carl Perkins told us flatly that he was against this (strip mining abuses) and that he would do everything in his power to get something done about it and that he would call the governor about it. He suggested that we get in touch with our conservation people in Frankfort, J. O. Matlick, and I told him that Brother J. O. Matlick and those boys, they are just like everyone else, they take the \$200 that the company posts as bond and buy a handful of fescue seed--it amounts to a handful when you try to cover what the auger tears up--and they couldn't even sow it down with fescue and start them a stand with that money, and they try to reclaim this land. It's a laugh, it's a farce. Anybody who knows anything about conservation knows that it's a farce. We signed up on the Lotts Creek area, just about everybody signed up on an ASC program to get the creek dredged out. Right now it's got more mud in it than it had when we had it dredged. We're paying for that dredging. The taxpayers, you and me, we're paying for it. We signed up this spring--I signed up for 10,000 trees to be set on our land. They cut the pine trees. They come along and they take the bulldozer and they cover them up. When we set them we have to sign a contract that we will protect them from forest fires, and we can't even put a calf in them. And they put bulldozers in and cover them up, and we pay to have them set with taxpayers' money. Now if that's justice, my friends, I'm going to leave the country."

**DAVIDSON**--  
"I would like to tell you about something that comes from one of the chief bulldozer operators working on the head of Clear Creek. If you go back there, you will find a beautiful garden growing on a yellow strip mine bench. This bench has been cut down 60 or 70 feet, and here is this beautiful garden. It looks black and healthy and so forth. What the average person doesn't know when he goes back there to see that garden is that first they took bulldozers and scooped up the ground and filled it full of sawdust. They then took highlifts and went through one of those fertile coves and lifted the topsoil from the valley from the man's land and hauled that back with dumptrucks and dumped it in there and then mized it up with fertilizer and so forth and set out this garden. It just proves that any damn fool that has got a bulldozer, some highlifts and a fleet of dump trucks can raise a garden on a strip mine bench. . . .

"Where they are doing the resetting, they are doing it on coal company land. How is this going to help us? Suppose they grew half a million bushels of apples on these strip mine benches. Can that prevent the runoff water on that overburden that is being pushed down on top of people? That's where your water is coming from. And they are never going to get anything on that overburden. We have people from the University of Kentucky, we have people from Berea College and the Quicksand Experiment Station, and they are collaborating with these strip mine operators and talking about experimenting and so on. The only experiments that are any good, in my opinion, are the ones that are done before the damage is done. Let them experiment and find a remedy before this is done. I don't know how they expect us to sit here and listen to things like elderberry bushes. We've got millions of elderberry bushes in this country now; if they set them on the strip mine benches they will cover us up."

### ADAMS THANKS SUPPORTERS

I would like to thank all who voted for me for County Commissioner from District 1 and to ask for your continued support in the election in November.

**ERNEST C. ADAMS**  
Democratic nominee

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"Their land agents are among the most hated men in Eastern Kentucky. They go ahead and buy the timber for a pittance and make tremendous profits off of it because the people know they must sell--they know it is going to be covered up if they don't sell. Then they make it worse by bragging . . . how they cheated these poor people who sold their timber to them."

"I would dispute the claim that we are any longer dependent for our economy upon strip or auger mines. I don't think there is anybody in this state who can justify the destruction of these mountains."

**HARRY M. CAUDILL**, Whitesburg attorney and long-time foe of strip mining--

"We have to decide and vote for life or vote for death. There is no longer any time to discuss, ponder and confer. East Kentucky has come down to the moment in history when people are going to have to decide whether to live in Eastern Kentucky as free men or be driven out of here as a bunch of dispossessed paupers. You have to dig in and do what is necessary to preserve yourselves, your homes and the future for the next generation or you are through."

"We as citizens and public officials are going to have to decide whether we are for the land and for the people or whether we are for the coal companies and the fast buck, the coal companies that are going to rip this country apart and take all the wealth."

"The politicians are either on the side of the people whose homes are being destroyed or they are on the side of those who destroy them--it's as simple as that. . . .

"You are the only people in the United States today who have no tenure in house and home. You've put every dime you've worked out in these coal mines, and every dime you've worked out in these little mountain farms, and here in the middle of the most prosperous century in the history of the world your government comes along and turns you over to the hands of some industrialists who would have no more compunction against destroying everything you own than you would against killing a cockroach. That's what you're up against. . . .

"If we can go all the way around the world to protect the people of Vietnam, surely to God we can find a little time to protect the people of this state. . . . You are being pauperized by a barbarous process that would not be tolerated in any truly civilized corner of this globe."

### Dies unexpectedly

James Bradley, 46, of Livingston, foreman of the highway bridge project under way near Whitesburg, died of an apparent heart attack in his sleep Tuesday night.

He was found dead in bed early Wednesday morning.

### Historians to meet

The Letcher County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p. m. Friday, June 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zenneth Bentley at Mayking.

### Masons to meet

Whitesburg Chapter 149, Royal Arch Masons, will meet at 8 p. m. Saturday, June 19, to confer MEM and RAM degrees.

### WARF THANKS VOTERS

Dear Friends,

To the 975 persons who had confidence that I would make an honest Sheriff, had I been nominated and elected, I say thanks from the bottom of my heart.

To the workers, some I know worked hard in helping me get the number of votes I received, I say thanks to you. Some of these people I have known for years and they have shown they are my friends. To the people who were supposed to be working for me--they were hired to give out cards for me but didn't. I find some were even working for the opposition--I have this to say: Only a few of the people let me down; I say pray long and hard--you need to.

Thanks, Friends,

**Raymond (Tip) Warf**



**ENGAGED**--Miss Susan Hope Stallard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy R. Stallard of Whitesburg, will be married July 31 to Delano Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byron Thomas of Millstone. The wedding will take place at the First Baptist Church in Whitesburg. Both Miss Stallard and Mr. Thomas will be juniors at Morehead State College in the fall. Both are graduates of Whitesburg High School. Miss Stallard attended Lees Junior College at Jackson and Mr. Thomas attended Indiana University at Bloomington before going to Morehead. She is majoring in home economics and he in health, physical education and recreation.

### Health (from Page 1)

ARC funds will be the core of new programs to demonstrate new ways to bring health services to remote areas.

ARC has asked OEO, which can finance medical services for the poor, for a \$500,000 grant to plan the health program in the 49 Eastern Kentucky counties--including Letcher--that are considered poverty areas. Eastern Kentucky is considered ideal for the demonstration-planning project because it "contains more concentrated rural poverty than any other comparable land area," Shrivers said.



MISS MARY JO HART

### Hart-Kincer betrothal told

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart of Richmond announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jo, to Roger Darrell Kincer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenville Kincer of Mayking.

Miss Hart was graduated from Madison High School and will receive her bachelor of science degree from Eastern Kentucky State College in August. She is a member of Omicron, sophomore women's honorary, and Collegiate Pentacle, a senior women's honorary.

Mr. Kincer was graduated from Whitesburg High School and received his bachelor of science degree from Eastern. He is employed by the Fayette County schools, where he teaches industrial arts at Beaumont Junior High School in Lexington.

The wedding will take place Aug. 7 at 3 p. m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond. A reception will be held after the ceremony at the church.

The custom of open church will be observed. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.